

ON THIS DAY

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Today is Wednesday, Nov. 23, the 328th day of 1988. There are 38 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

In 1963, the body of President John F. Kennedy, who was felled the day before by an assassin's bullets, lay in repose in a closed, flag-draped coffin in the East Room of the White House. The new president, Lyndon B. Johnson, proclaimed Nov. 25, the day of Kennedy's funeral, a day of national mourning.

On this date:

■ In 1765, Frederick County, Md., repudiated the British Stamp Act.

■ In 1804, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, was born in Hillsboro, N.H.

■ In 1887, one of the silver screen's most enduring horror stars, Boris Karloff, was born William Henry Pratt in the London suburb of Dulwich.

■ In 1903, singer Enrico Caruso made his U.S. debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, appearing in "Rigoletto."

■ In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seated in the U.N. Security Council.

Today's birthdays: Broadway composer Jerry Bock is 60. Former Labor Secretary William E. Brock is 58. Actress Susan Anspach is 49.

Thought for today: "If . . . history . . . teaches us anything, it is that man, in his quest for knowledge and progress, is determined and cannot be deterred."

— President John F. Kennedy
(1917-1963)

QUOTABLE

"I remember them presenting the flag to Mrs. Kennedy. I remember the planes flying overhead. The cannon salute and the soldier playing taps."

— Chas Ricci

who was 10 years old when he went with his father to the funeral of President John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery.